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NEW YORK CATTLE INVENTORY DECREASES

New York cattle and calves totaled 1.40 million on January 1, 2011, according to King Whetstone, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. All cattle and calves were down 1 percent from the January 1 total of the previous year.

Milk cows, which comprise 44 percent of the total cattle in New York, numbered 610,000 head, unchanged from January of the previous year. New York remained third in the US in number of dairy cows behind California with 1.75 million and Wisconsin with 1.27 million. Milk cow replacement heifers were up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Beef cows totaled 90,000 head, unchanged from a year ago. Beef cow replacement heifers totaled 38,000 head, up 5,000 head from a year earlier. Other heifers and steers weighing 500 pounds or more, which are normally on feed for slaughter, were down 24 percent to 69,000 head. Bulls weighing 500 pounds or more were up 13 percent at 18,000 head. The 2010 New York calf crop totaled 520,000 head, up 6 percent from 2009.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 91.2 million on hand in 1958. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010.

Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2010 are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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